

Status of the Claims

Claim 1 is cancelled.

Claims 2-22 are allowed.

Remarks

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites a 35 U.S.C. § 102 against claim 1 as being fully anticipated by Dhynachand et al. (U.S. Patent 5,281,905). Applicant cancels claim 1 herein without prejudice subject to reinstatement in an appropriately filed continuation or related application.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition to be passed to allowance. If there are any issues remaining to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone so that such issues can be discussed and properly resolved. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the present application based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number (28642-92477).

Respectfully submitted

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